

Appl. No 10/714,099

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5           **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

10           **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A retaining device for rolling-element, in which plural rolling-elements being sequentially retained, which comprising:

partitions serving to separate the rolling-elements;

15           link-belt, which employed to link the partitions together;

wherein the link-belt links the partitions together to form a ring structure, ~~the ring structure is turned inwardly~~ a section of the ring structure being connectable to an opposite side portion of the ring structure, so as to make each two corresponding partitions butt-join together, the butt-joined partitions and the link-belt form a space, in which the rolling-element is rotatably retained.

2. (Original) The retaining device for rolling-element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring structure is provided at both ends with an end-part

respectively after it is inwardly turned, so as to retain the rolling-elements securely in the retaining device.

3. (Currently amended) The retaining device for rolling-element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring structure is ~~formed with a curvature after~~  
5 ~~it is turned in to form a structure having a curvature, a radius of~~ and the  
~~curvature of the ring structure is no minor~~ not smaller than that of a circulating track of the rolling-elements.

4. (Original) The retaining device for rolling-element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partitions form a passage after they are butt-joined  
10 together, a space of the passage can expand or contract for allowing easy flow of lubricant through the passage.

5. (Currently amended) The retaining device for rolling-element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partitions are firmly butt-joined together by a bayonet ~~fixing~~ joint.

15 6. (Currently amended) The retaining device for rolling-element as claimed in claim 2, wherein the partitions are firmly butt-joined together by a bayonet ~~fixing~~ joint.

7. (Currently amended) The retaining device for rolling-element as claimed in claim 3, wherein the partitions are firmly butt-joined together by a  
20 bayonet ~~fixing~~ joint.

8. (Currently amended) The retaining device for rolling-element as claimed in claim 4, wherein the partitions are firmly butt-joined together by a bayonet ~~fixing~~ joint.